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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: I. Rahimi
YASUHIRO KUJIRAI ET AL.)
: Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/840,894)
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Filed: April 25, 2001)
:
For: PRINT CONTROL APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, AND PRINT :
SYSTEM) June 23, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper has been filed in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case. In the Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

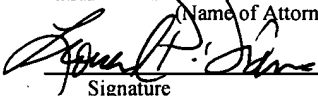
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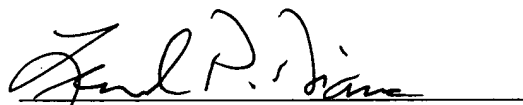
1. Group I (Claims 1-15), drawn to combining a plurality of print jobs into a single print job when the job is authenticated, classified in class 358, subclasses 1.14, 1.18, and 450; and
2. Group II (Claims 16-44), drawn to an authentication request for outputting print data, classified in class 713, subclass 170, and class 705, subclass 50.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-15).

An early and favorable examination of the elected claims on the merits is respectfully requested. It is understood that with his next Action, the Examiner will return initialed copies of the forms PTO-1449 submitted with the three Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application thus far.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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